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BAD MEN IN GREENBRIER

Pocahontas Sheriff and Deputy Take Them.

In June, 1913, Theodore Hoke aged fifty years, and Jesse Hoke, his son, aged 24 years, were tried in the circuit court of Greenbrier county upon a charge of stealing goods from box cars on the C. & O. Railway. The case was vigorously fought and defended and the trial attracted considerable attention. The evidence that was most convincing to the average mind was that the prisoners had the stolen goods in their possession and could give no reasonable account of having gotten them. The trial resultad in a conviction and Theodore Hoke was sentenced to serve seven years and Jesse five years in the pen.

They were in jail awaiting the result of an application for an appeal made to the Surpeme Court, (which was denied them) and in September of last year they made their escape from the Lewisburg jail and returned to their homes on the edge of Greenbrier and Monroe counties, in the mountains near the main Alleghany not far from the White Sulphur Springs. Here they took their stand and openly defied the authorities to come and get them. Many reports of the manner in which they were fortified and the scouts that they had on the lookout for officers filtered into the settlements and the law and order people put their heads together to answer the challenge in order that the law of Greenbrier county should not be an astonishment and a by-word among the nations of the world. The judge who had tried them saw the importance of the subjugation of these men. It was decided that the sheriff officers of Greenbrier and Monroe, the two counties most directly interested being well known to the criminals could not cope with the situation, and the job was turned over to Sheriff Cochran of this county, on account of his well known courage, and he selected as his side partner, young Frank Sparks, of Lobelia, as another man who never knew a fear.

Judge Dice issued a bench warrant directed to Messrs. Cochran and Sparks, and last Saturday afternoon the two officers rode into that need-more country in search of the two men. They found them working on a planing mill on Pumpkin Run in Monroe county.

Cochran rode in and represented himself as a tie buyer and sized up four or five men in an effort to identify the men he was after. After talking ties for awhile he asked if he could get his horse shod, one of the Hoke's being a blacksmith. About that time he and Sparks decided that two men standing with their backs to a wagon were the two men that were wanted and asked them as to their names, producing the warrant. They denied their identity and others there said they were not the men, but that they were at a sawmill in another hollow. Cochran was directly in front of Theodore and Sparks got in front of Jesse. Sparks had been rolling a cigarette in an offhand manner. Cochran and Sparks then covered the men with revolvers and ordered them to hold up their hadds. This they did not do but continued deny their identity. Cochran told Sparks to put the hand-cuffs on them and Sparks put his gun in his scabbard, and took out the hand-cuffs, Cochran holding his gun on both men who were then standing close together.

Just at this critical time with both the convicted men refusing to put up their hands, Carl Hoke, another son of Teeodore Hoke, came up behind the Sheriff in a noiseless manner, and took hold of the pistol barrel and deflected it from his father, and he and the sheriff immediately fell to the ground in a desperate struggle over the possession of the weapon.

The tragedy happened then in four or five seconds. Both the Hokes and Frank Sparks reached for their guns and each one of the three had about the same time and were about equally expert in the art of quick firing. The three pistols were drawn and emptied in less than five seconds. All three men fell. The Hokes were desperately wounded, each with a ball in the center of his body in front, and Sparks with a wound in the right arm and another wound in the right leg. Sparks was not seriously hurt but he fell a long way and was unconscious from the shock for some time.

Cochran in the meantime was on the ground wrestling with Carl Hoke. The Sheriff retained hold of the butt and Carl twisting the front end of the revolver. Finally both reached their feet and the Sheriff was in possession of the gun and he dealt Carl a terrirble blow on the forehead with the gun. After this Carl lost interest in the fight and fled. A man by the name of Reed interfered in the scuffle between the sheriff and Carl and while he helped the Sheriff to some extent also prevented the Sheriff going to the relief of Sparks for a time. On the whole it was a rather hostile party to the visiting delegates from Pocahontas county.

Telegrams were received here first that the Sheriff had been mortally wounded and later that he was dead and it was nine o'clock Sunday morning before any definite word was received. Both men got back Sunday night and received a great demonstration, as being the heroes of a terrible fight Sparks had his arm in a sling but otherwise was all right.

Frank Sparks is the young man who being full of surplus energy and other things got into a big fight at the Lobelia church last fall and was convicted and given a jail sentence. Being a likable young fellow and very much of a man he has become a great favorite around town and with the Sheriff. And when a brave assistant was needed to go after the Hokes, he was picked as a man having the requisite nerve and he carried himself well through the battle. But for his quickness and coolness both he and the Sheriff would have been killed.

The wounded men were taken to Hinton Hospital. Both are gut shot, and recovery in either case is uncertain.

THE SHORTEST POEM

Robertus Love does good stuff for the Republic in St Louis. We hope on the side, that the St. Louis one is an exception to the proverbial ungratefullness of republics.

But recently Robertus took a friendly fall out of us in the matter or the briefest poem possible.

The "briefest possible" referred to was our long lyric entitled "The Antiquity of microbes." And the poem itself was:

"Adam
Had 'em."

Robertus speaks kindly of this epic, and refers at much length to the unsuccessful efforts that have been made to write a shorter one. Then, in closing, he sums up thus:

"Lines on the Effort to Shorten the Shortest Poem!" And his poem on that theme is:

"I
Try."

Robertus it is too easy to beat that. Here is the title and the poem: "Our Opinion as to Whether Robertus Love Has Written a Shorter One."

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No."

—Indianapolis Star.

Who says that all these poems are too long?

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DURBIN

The drouth was broken last week by fine showers. All growing crops are looking fine; gardens are especially fine in this part.

D. L. Sheets, secretary of the Arbovale Mutual Telephone Co., was in town Saturday on business connected with the company.

Samuel Sutton of North Fork, was visiting his brother, C. G. Sutton, one day last week.

E. D. Burner of Cass, and J. W. Oliver of Greenbank, were business visitors here Saturday.

Mrs. Nannie Hoover, of Boyer, was visiting her sister Mrs. C. G. Sutton one day last week.

Frank Reed's new store building is about completed and he will soon be ready for business.

Mrs. LeRoy Fenton, with her little daughter, Mary Frances, is visiting her parents in Elkins.

Born. to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall, last Friday, a fine boy.

Mrs. Sales, who has been with her daughter, Mrf. Dr. Hull, in Virginia, the past few weeks has returned home. She was accompanied by her little granddaughter Virginia Hull.

Amos Gillispie of Cass, spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wilson.

Miss Pearl Darnell of Academy, is visiting friends in town.

Sylvia, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hudson, who has been sick the past three months, is improving slowly.

Miss Docia Hudson is visiting friends near Greenbank.

Died, June 27, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Rexrode, at Bartow. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. K. Nevitt.

Loring Kerr and Lee Wilmoth of Top Alleghany, were calling on our merchants last week.

Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Nevitt are off on a vacation to Atlantic City.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The following platform was adopted by the Democrats of West Viiginia at the State Convention held in Parkersburg Wednesday.

We, the Democrats of West Virginia in State Convention assembled, re-affirm our faith in and renew our allegiance to those basic principals of political morality and social justice that form the foundation of every real republic, and have been impressed upon this nation by a long line of illustrious Democratic Presidents from Thomas Jefferson to Woodrow Wilson. While issues change from time to time, as human civilization in its resistless march faces new problems, principles are eternal, and we recognize the course pursued by President Wilson, with the splendid co-operation of Secretary Bryan and a Democratic Congress upon the great issues before the country, is patriotic of purpose, sound in principle and essentially Democratic when tested by the teachings of Jefferson.

We congratulate the whole people of the United States upon the ascendency of the Democratic party under its present leadership, and upon the great advancement it marks in the cause of popular government, not only in our own land, but throughout the world. New and higher standards have been established in the high places of government, and pure ideals obtain in the administration of public affairs. The light of publicity has been turned into the dark places and the people allowed to see what goes on in their own government.

In view of all these higher and better things of government we most heartily endorse the administration of Woodrow Wilson during the sixteen months he has been President, and in this endorsement we include his great Secretary of State, Wm. J. Bryan who has so ably and unselfishly upheld the hands of the President in his battle for democratic principles.

We also heartily endorse the course of Clarence W. Watson, while in the United States Senate and of Senator William E. Chilton who in the Senate of the United States, has earnestly and devotedly brought his great talents and matchless eloquence and laid them at the feet of the President in his masterful contest for human rights. We also heartily endorse the course of William G. Brown and M. M. Neeley, the two Democratic Congressmen from this state, who have been among the able supporters of the President's policies.

2nd. We call attention with pride and gratification to the magnificent record of the present national administration and Congres for constructive statemenship. This record is without a parallel in the history of this Republic, and now, when the first session of the 63rd Congress would ordinarially be just about ending, more than a year of solid work has been done.

The only Tariff Law of half a century has been passed.

Likewise a National Banking and Currency Act that frees the productive energies of the nation from the burden of a medieval money system, and makes banker's panics impossible.

The great Democratic principle of an Income Tax has been crystalized into law and for the first time the wealth of the country is required to contribute a fair share of the cost of government.

The election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people has been put into practical operation in such a way as to give to the people the full benefit of this great popular reform.

The iniquitous Commerce Court, devised by the Republican party to deny justice to individual shippers by making it too expensive to go to Washington with their complaints from all parts of the country has been dissolved.

An Anti-Trust Bill designed to protect our people from monopoly is well on the road to enactment and we believe Congress should pass this act before it adjourns.

All these steps in freeing our government from the evils of special privilege, and restoring a real rule of the people have been taken in little more than one year, and in the face of a complicated and delicate foreign situation, which has been handled with such skill and pure diplomatic purpose as to establish a new standard of international confidence and honor in the new world, and infinitely advance the cause of peace and Christian civilization among the nations of America.

3rd. We endorse the policy and purpose of President Wilson in relation to Mexico, and congratulate the mothers of ten million American boys that in the stress of the past year our country's course in Mexican affairs has been directed by two great lovers of peace to whom the lives of the flower of America's young manhood are precious.

We join with all patriotic Americans in the hope that the earnest efforts of President Wilson and Secretary of State, Wm. J. Bryan to avert bloodshed, and maintain peace with honor, may be crowned with success.

4th. We believe it is the duty of every political party asking for power to take the people into its confidence and courageously declare its position on all public questions as they become live issues. Accordingly we pledge the nominee of this convention, if elected to Congress, to vote to submit to the people through their respective states, an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the saloon in United States territory.

5th. We endorse and commend the efforts of the Virginia Debt Commission created by the last legislature to relieve this State from the burden of a claim that our people from a deep seated conviction believe to be unjust.

6th. We denounce as the most recklessly extravagant in the history of the State, the present administration. It has used half of the additional levy for state purposes authorized by the legislature to make up for anticipated loss of revenue under the new prohibition law, and this for the fiscal year 1913, when the revenue for liquor licenses was yet collected.

Under this the first year of Hatfield, the state collected about six hundred thousand dollars more money than the last year of Glasscock and yet in the face of this increase in taxes, the governor publicly proclaims the state to be practically bankrupt. If he tells the truth, something is radically wrong somewhere and we demand a rigid examination and audit, under direction of the legislature and expert accountants, of the financial affairs of the State, and that the report be made public.

We denounce the present tyranical efforts of the Governor through appointments and otherwise to dominate all branches and divisions of State government to subordinate all functions of government to the executive will or whim and to drive independent thinkers into subnission to his will.

7th. We deplore the substitution of force and violence for reason and law in the government of our State, and fear for our good name among the sisterhood of states if it is permitted to continue.

We condemn the course of the Republican administration in this state for the manner in which it has declared, enforced and upheld martial law in certain industrial sections of this state, and express our belief that it is subversive of the fundamental principles of civil liberty and in flagrant violation of the Constitutions of both state and nation.

8th. We direct attention to the Water Power question, as perhaps the most important issue now before the people of this state, and the Democratic party now takes its stand on this issue upon the side of the people of the State, and the generations to come after us. The present water power act, we believe to jeopardize important public rights.

The natural water power sites in the public streams of West Virginia belong to the people who live in the state, and we are opposed to giving them away to private capital. In generations to come when water power will be the only source of heat and light it would mean that private capital could tax the right to exist in this State.

We have always fostered the proper development of our State, but we are unalterably opposed to the exploitation of its publicy owned resources. We are opposed to granting to any person or corporation any such power site for more than a limited period of years, at the end of which time it should revert to the public.

And we declare our opposition to the building of dangerously high dams across our rivers, impounding vast artificial lakes of water which would endanger the lives and homes of thousands of our citizens who live in the valleys below them. Such dams, when permitted to be built, should be only of such height and construction as not to be a menace to human life.

When we declare that the people should rule, we believe this means that all the people should rule. Therefore we favor the submission to the voters of a constitution amendment granting the franchise to women.

9th. We favor the enactment of a fair primary election law and pledge ourselves, if incontrol of the next legislature, to enact such a law, and to throw around the election provided for in such act all the provisions for safety against fraud as are provided for in general elections.

10th. We favor such amendment to the Corrupt Practices Act as will as nearly as possible entirely eliminate corruption from our elections.

11th. The Democratic party of West Virginia recognizes as a menace to the integrity of the state and nation campaign contributions made by corporations which are seeking legislative favors antagonistic to the common interests of the whole people, and we instruct all persons who are connected with the coming campaign to refuse to accept such contributions in sums of more than one hundred dollars and the names of the people making public such contributions, before the election.

If the honest, patriotic Democrats of West Virginia do not have sufficient faith in the Democratic party to finance it without the aid of those who would prostitute it to their own selfish purposes, they do not deserve to win, and if they should win under any other conditions the victory would only result in the demoralization of the party.

12th. We recognize the growing importance of industrial peace to the business interests of this state, and we favor the enactment of such laws for the settlement of labor disputes as will enable labor and capital to co-operate upon terms of mutual interest without war and waste of the strike and lockouts, and we pledge ourselves to the enactment of an industrial Dispute Act which shall provide for boards of investigation and conciliation in labor disputes, which boards shall be composed of representatives to be selected by the parties interested in the dispute.

13th. We believe that the best interests of the people are served by the fullest participation of the electorate in governmental affairs, and to this end we pledge ourselves to the submission of a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum for all general laws enacted by the State Legislature, and we favor the enactment of a municipal code which will allow cities to change or make new charters without being compelled to go to the Legislature for that purpose.

14th. We favor such amendments to the Workman's Compensation Act as experience may show to be necessary in order to enable the act to meet the purpose for which it was designed.

15th. We favor the abolition of the present fee system and the substitution therefor of a fair compensation to public officials in the form of a stated salary.

The Democratic party of West Virginia plights its faith to stand true to the cause of the people on every issue that arises, and fighting as a part of the great national democracy in its battle to banish privileges and restore equal rights in the land under the matchless leadership of Woodrow Wilson, we invite the cooperation and support of all uuselfish men who believe in a Republican form of government, administered out in the open light of day, and in the interest of the whole people.

GREENBANK

Dry and hot and grass burning. Hay will be scarcer than has ever been known is this part of the county. Corn is looking fine for this time in the season and if we have a few showers there will be a bumpus crop. Oats are very short and wheat is fairly good.

John R. Gum has lost three fine yearling steers with blackleg in the last two weeks.

William Geiger, of Dunmore, was a business caller here Monday.

There will be an all day singing convention at Arbovale on Sunday July 5th, and dinner on the ground if you bring it with you.

There will be Childrens' Day service on the second Sunday in July at the Methodist church. All are cordially invited to come.

Advertised letters, Marlinton, W. Va.—Hugh C. Melrose, W. J. Huff, Luther Helmedollar, 2, Mrs. Edna Clinceball, Ben Butcher, J. R. Barter, Freeman Beel, Miss Grace Smith, 2, Dr. C. A. Thomas. In asking for any of the above please say that it was advertised.

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HUNTERSVILLE

Huntersville farmers are still longing for some good crop growing showers.

Mrs. O. E. McKeever was in Marlinton las week to see her sister, Mrs. Inez Lightner, who continues very ill.

Mrs. Howard Barlow is visiting relatives and friends in Highland county, Virginia.

We are glad to see so many of our citizens interested in the road improvement movement. Every good, patriotic citizen should be interested in all movements tending towards the progress of his community, and especially those citizens who use the roads continually as aids to travel should be willing to contribute their earnest cooperation and personal efforts to the great work of making these roads better, thus aiding the fellow-townsmen, but their country as well.

Mrs. Anson Dilley who has been visiting her daughter on Elk, was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Loury one day last week.

J. O. Carey is at home assisting his wife in the pleasant work of entertaining their guests from Springfield.

Miss Gladys Poling, a former resident of this town, is spending a part of her vacation here as the guest of Mr. and. Mrs. J. C. Loury.

Quite a few representatives of surrounding communities attended the festival given here last week by the ladies of the M. E. Church, South.

We are sorry to note that our venerable friend, William Curry, is very ill. We hope for his immediate recovery.

"Auctioneer" Swecker and wife of Dunmore, were here Sunday.

Reverend Swecker filled his appointment here Sunday in his usually agreeable manner. His text was well chosen, being based on "The Excuses made by Sinners." The discourse showed earnest preparation and spiritual guidance.

Letcher Sharp of Frost passed through here this week on his way home from Morgantown, where he had been studying law.

Prof. Amos Herold was in town several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Herold returned Monday from a visit in Virginia.

Mr. Huntley is spending the week end at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McElwee of Minnehaha, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Moore.

Joe Guth has been at home the past few days.

Miss Mary Madge Ervine, who has been off on a few days vacation, returned to her work this week.

Mrs. Joe McNeel, of near Academy, is visiting her father, William Curry.

Misses Kathleen and Lucile Carey were Marlinton visitors one day last week.

Mrs. Luther Hively and child have returned home.

Miss May Sheets of near Dunmore, is spending several weeks with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sheets.

Rev. Walker delivered an excellent discourse Sunday. His chief theme was the importance of self examination by the christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Campbell were Huntersville visitors Sunday.

Quite a few Marlintonians attended Presbyterian service here Sunday.

Saturday night the inhabitants of our little town were much shocked upon receiving news to the effect that Sheriff Cochran had been seriously if not fatally wounded in an attempt to arrest an escaped prisoner, but later news informed us that the first message was a mistake. We are certainly glad that the first statement proved incorrect and that our sheriff is well and we trust, still able to arrest more characters detrimental to the peace.

The Fourth promises to be as interesting this year as formerly. The center of attraction seems to be at Marlinton. In the midst of our noisy celebrations we should pause and draw in our imaginations a picture of what our Fourths would be had not our forefathers years past struggled valiantly to protect our rights and to obtain for us our Independence.

Frank Kincaid had his ankle sprained Sunday by a horse falling on him.

Cecil Sheets has purchased a motorcycle.

Fred Guth expects to go to Roanoke soon.

The locusts have about all disappeared from this section.

J. C. Loury is adding several improvements to his property.

W. H. Gorse has planted two crops on one piece of ground this year and expects to plant another. Three crops a year is doing fine in this county, considering the drouth.

DUNMORE

A little cool and very dry.

Maj J. C. Price's house caught fire Monday but was discovered in time, and by the prompt response of several farmers they they saved the house though a considerable hole was burned in the kitchen roof.

Dr. H. H. Jones and lady of Doe Hill, are here on a visit and will go from here to the Minnehaha Springs.

Miss Merle Moore is off to Buckhannon.

Harper Smith, of Elkins, was here last week looking for beeswax.

Auctioneer Swecker will make a sale at Sitlington Friday July 10

We have a big crowd of Gypsies in town.

The railroad is making good headway, is up to the Zane Grimes farm.

Elmer McEaughlin wears a grin like a possum—its a girl.

Lawrence McLaughlin is treating his house to a coat of paint.

Austin Sharp of Frost, is going to build a house and barn this summer. Sam Elliott is contractor. W. C. Buzzard is also building a new house near Frost.

E. J. Elliott of Winterburn was in town Monday.

Dr. Geiger was called to Bartow Sunday.

T. M. Gum lost one of his work horses Sunday night.

We understand that two weddings took place at Stringtown last week.

H. E. Nixon and family spent Sunday in town.

We think the reason that Col. Roosevelt called that new river 1000 miles long that he traveled the River of Doubt is that he doubted that any one would believe it.

We notice that the court said nothing about the bridge across Thomas Creek between Dunmore and Sitlington.

Marvin McLaughlin fell out of a service tree last week and fractured his shoulder bone.

Quite a crowd attended Childrens' Day at Dunmore Sunday.

A boy 18 years old was drowned at Cass Saturday evening while swiming.

NOTICE

My office will be closed from July 1 to Sept. 1st, during which time I will be in Chicago taking past graduate work in medical and surgical clinics.

Dr. C. M. Young.

Miss Knisley, of Corruthers School of Music, Chicago, is conducting a kindergarten music school, for children from 3 to 10 years old. Anyone interested please call her at E. B. Smith's.

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